

REMARKS

In the Action, claims 1-21 are restricted between the Group I claims, including claims 1-4, and the Group II claims, including claims 5-21. Applicants provisionally elect the composition claims of Group I, including claims 1-4. The provisional election is made with traverse.

The restriction is based on the position that the composition and method claims are distinct and related as product and process of use. The restriction states that the product can be used in a materially different process such as a process of producing a nitride film.

The organometallic complex of claims 1-4 has a chemical vapor deposition precursor that can be used for depositing metals and metal compounds. The specification and the invention are clearly directed to the deposition of thin films of metal and metal compounds such as oxides, nitrides, phosphides, and the like. The claims as amended are sufficiently related to link the method claims and the product claims together. Accordingly, Applicant requests the restriction be withdrawn.

The present amendment cancels original claims 5-8 and 11-21, and amends claims 9 and 10. As amended, claims 9 and 10 are directed to a method of depositing a metal or a metal compound using the organometallic complex of claim 1. Thus, the organometallic complex of the Group I claims 1-4 cannot be used in a materially different process from claims 9 and 10 as amended.


New claims 22-50 are added to depend from claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 10. Specifically, claims 22 and 23 depend from claims 9 and 10, respectively, and recite the type of metal compound deposited on the substrate using the methods of claims 9 and 10. Claims 24-28 correspond substantially to original claims 5-8 and are recited as a method of deposition of a metal onto a substrate. Claims 29-50 correspond substantially to original claims 11-21 and are

presented as a method of the deposition of metal compound using the methods of claims 1 and 3.

New claims 22-50 are supported by the specification and the claims as originally filed.

In view of these amendments and the above comments, Applicants request the restriction be withdrawn. Prompt and favorable examination on the claims is requested.

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